

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A high frequency surgical instrument ~~according to claim 2, wherein~~ comprising:

a slender cylindrical electro-insulating sheath including a distal end and a proximal end;

a handle main body mounted to the proximal end of the sheath;

a slider configured to advance and retreat on the handle main body along an axial direction of the sheath;

an electrode portion for a diathermic treatment, configured to project from or withdraw into a distal end of the sheath in accordance with the advancing and retreating of the slider;

an electric connection portion provided in the slider, to which a connection cord for connection with an external high frequency power source, is detachably connected;

a conducting member configured to electrically connecting the electric connection portion and the electrode portion; and

a cord connection portion configured to lead the connection cord backwards along an advancing and retreating direction of the slider;

wherein the electric connection portion includes a connection portion rotating portion configured to connect the connection cord thereto rotatably in a direction of rotation of an axis of the connection cord.

4. (Currently Amended) A high frequency surgical instrument ~~according to claim 2, wherein~~ comprising:

a slender cylindrical electro-insulating sheath including a distal end and a proximal end;

a handle main body mounted to the proximal end of the sheath;

a slider configured to advance and retreat on the handle main body along an axial direction of the sheath;

an electrode portion for a diathermic treatment, configured to project from or withdraw into a distal end of the sheath in accordance with the advancing and retreating of the slider;

an electric connection portion provided in the slider, to which a connection cord for connection with an external high frequency power source, is detachably connected;

a conducting member configured to electrically connecting the electric connection portion and the electrode portion; and

a cord connection portion configured to lead the connection cord backwards along an advancing and retreating direction of the slider;

wherein the electric connection portion includes a plug to which the connection cord is mounted, and

the plug includes a contact pin, the contact pin being provided in parallel with the advancing and retreating direction of the slider.

5. (Currently Amended) A high frequency surgical instrument ~~according to claim 2, wherein comprising:~~

a slender cylindrical electro-insulating sheath including a distal end and a proximal end;

a handle main body mounted to the proximal end of the sheath;

a slider configured to advance and retreat on the handle main body along an axial direction of the sheath;

an electrode portion for a diathermic treatment, configured to project from or withdraw into a distal end of the sheath in accordance with the advancing and retreating of the slider;

an electric connection portion provided in the slider, to which a connection cord for connection with an external high frequency power source, is detachably connected;

a conducting member configured to electrically connecting the electric connection portion and the electrode portion; and

a cord connection portion configured to lead the connection cord backwards along an advancing and retreating direction of the slider;

wherein the electric connection portion further comprises:

a vertical plug projecting in a vertical direction that is normal to the advancing and retreating direction of the slider; and

a conversion plug configured to change a direction of the plug in a direction in parallel to the advancing and retreating direction of the slider, the plug being coupled detachably to the vertical plug;

the vertical plug includes a contact pin projecting in a vertical direction that is normal to the advancing and retreating direction of the slider;

the conversion plug includes a plug main body having a shape bent into substantially a letter L;

the plug main body further includes: a main body-side connection portion projecting from one of the bent shape of the letter L; and

a cord-side connection portion projecting from an other one of the bent shape of the letter L; and

the cord connection portion includes a contact pin formed to project in substantially parallel with the advancing and retreating direction of the slider, and to which the connection cord is detachably connected.

6. (Currently Amended) A high frequency surgical instrument ~~according to claim 2, wherein~~ comprising:

a slender cylindrical electro-insulating sheath including a distal end and a proximal end;

a handle main body mounted to the proximal end of the sheath;

a slider configured to advance and retreat on the handle main body along an axial direction of the sheath;

an electrode portion for a diathermic treatment, configured to project from or withdraw into a distal end of the sheath in accordance with the advancing and retreating of the slider;

an electric connection portion provided in the slider, to which a connection cord for connection with an external high frequency power source, is detachably connected;

a conducting member configured to electrically connecting the electric connection portion and the electrode portion; and

a cord connection portion configured to lead the connection cord backwards along an advancing and retreating direction of the slider;

wherein the electric connection portion includes a vertical plug formed to project in a vertical direction that is normal to the advancing and retreating direction of the slider, and

the connection cord includes an L-shaped connector detachably connected to the vertical plug, the connector being bent into substantially an L-shape.